



Another Step towards Normalcy

—By Robert KA5WSS

We finally got Hamfest back up and running! Look for some photos later in this edition. It was held in October (not our normal time of year) and at the First Congregational Church (not our usual location) but overall I think things were fairly well.

A special shout out to Darrel (WD6BOR) for being the primary organizer for Hamfest and Ed (W1EJ) for his tireless work at the grill. But really a long list of club members came together to help pull it all off. Thanks to you all!

Current plans are to move the event back to our normal April timeslot. Location is to be determined. The Veterans Memorial Hall is bigger, but if free days are no longer an option it's not economically viable for the club to hold it there. The First Congregational Church is a great alternative.

November is typically the month VOMARC holds its annual elections which means October is the time in which nominations for our posts are made. You can look at the end of this newsletter or on our website for the [list of officer positions](#), also known as the Cast of Characters. If you are not actively involved in helping to organize the

club but would like to assist I'm certain we can help find a place at the table for you.

I would also like to personally encourage anyone interested in running for the office of President to throw your hat into the ring. I've been at the helm for a couple of years now. It's always good to get a fresh perspective and new energy injected into a club now and then. So a change at the top may be in order. A recent job change has also eaten up some of my free time so I might welcome the change of pace as well. I am more than happy to continue to serve the club and its members in some capacity.

Votes for the officers who will lead us in 2022 will then take place at our November meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Wed, October 20, 2021, 7:30pm
Zoom meeting room info will be emailed later.

Topic: **JS8Call**

Presenter: **Greg Horton K6XSS**

Minutes of the Sept 15 Meeting

Meeting was held together on ZOOM by KA5WSS

Members: KA5WSS (Robert), W1EJ (Ed), KD6FIL (Dave), KG6QNT (Eileen), KB6CLV (Simon), KE6HID (Andrew), N6LY (Elizabeth), K6YD (Kevin), WD6BOR (Darrel), WB6TMH (Mike),

KH6GJU (Bill), N7PIB (Sanford), NJ6E (Stan), W5LTP (Sam)

Guest: KD6WYH (Tony), KM6URP (Kathy), N6VFH (Chuck), W2AFE (Jay), K6BES (Barbara), KB0EAT (Richard)

Meeting called to order at 19:32 by KA5WSS

MINUTES

Minutes from the August meeting accepted as written.

NEWS LETTER EDITOR

Please caption photos if you are sending any for the newsletter. It makes things much easier.

VE LIAISON

VE Session on August 28 had 5 test takers. 2 Techs and 2 General passed. Another VE session is scheduled for the Hamfest on October 2.

RADIO OFFICER

No Report

STATION TRUSTEE

Plan on working on the antenna trailer this fall. Hamfest updates as part of the business section.

TREASURER

VOMARC set it up to accept dues online.

SECRETARY

No Updates. The VOMARC Breakfast on the Air is going well.

Vice President

Nothing on club business.

PRESIDENT

This months meeting is on Winlink Software by Jay, W2AFE

NEW BUSINESS and OLD BUSINESS

VOMARC Hamfest – scheduled for October 2 at the Congregational Church, 252 West Spain thanks to WD6BOR's efforts. Sign-up sheet filled

out. Thanks to everyone for volunteering. Free breakfast to everyone working and all public safety personnel.

The Sonoma County DMR net is still going at 1830 on Thursdays on talk group 31707.

MYSTERY BOX: Jack, K6ZMF has the box and the Mystery Box program is on hold for a while

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM: JS8Call Digital System presented by K6XSS – Greg Horton

PROGRAM: Winklink Software presented by Jay, W2AFE -

<https://www.docslides.com/brown/winlink-and-flmsg-jay-king-w2afe-and-bernhard-hailer-ae6yn>

Meeting adjourned at 2015ish.

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

VE Liaison News

—By Elizabeth N6LY

Seven candidates tested on October 2nd, as part of the VOMARC HAMFEST.

Six upgraded to a new license class, 4 to Amateur Extra, 2 to General.

One tested to get his Technician License. His son is an Amateur Radio Operator and he wanted to join in the fun.

I am glad to say all passed their exam and we now have 7 new members.

Congratulation to Barb-AE, Christian- AE, Fred-AE, Joe K- General, Luis-AE, Joe C- Technician, and Alain- General

This was our last test of the year. Soon we will have dates for 2022 Test Sessions.

A big thank you to the VEs that helped during the HAM Fest VE session- Kevin (K6YD), Sanford (N7PIB) and Dan (WA6CRB).

Everything ran smoothly and the room was perfect.

Hamfest 2021 Pictures



The new VOMARC banner was flying along Spain Street to announce our location.



Darrel (WD6BOR), John (W8EWL) and Dave (KD6FIL) man the Hamfest registration table.



Numerous vendors were selling their surplus equipment in the seller's section in the back of the parking area while buyers looked for a good deal.



The club's table saw a good amount of activity and sent many home with new treasures.



The Sonoma ACS group showed off a portable Amateur Radio station.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

...But wait, there's more...

—Submitted by Phil Danskin



Misc

- There was no VOMARC Board meeting in October.
- After 18 months of extensive antenna repairs, K6KPH at the [Maritime Radio Historical Society](#) is back on the air! RTTY broadcasts use the historic KPH callsign while the [ARRL Code Practice Qualifying Runs](#) use K6KPH.
- The [ARRL continues to try and fight for Amateur Radio secondary access to the 3 GHz band](#) despite the FCC's attempt to kick us out entirely.
- Dave (KD6FIL) passed along a link to the Northern California DX Foundation's [Autumn 2021 newsletter](#). The top story asks the question of what DXpeditions will do with the sale of the ubiquitous R.V. Braveheart ship.
- Scientists find evidence of numerous [super flares from the Sun that dwarf the more recent Carrington Event in 1859](#). The superflares left Carbon-14 evidence in tree rings. The Carrington Event, as damaging as it was to telegraph lines at the time, was not even severe enough to leave a marker in tree rings.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

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Honorary President in Perpetuity

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Robert Barron KA5WSS – President

Ed Jacobson, W1EJ – Vice President

Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL – Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Miller, WB6TMH – Radio Officer

Moe Llanes, KI6JNU – ACS Unit Leader

Elizabeth Morris-Mowrey, N6LY – VE Liaison

Darrel Jones, WD6BOR – Station Trustee for W6AJF

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Editor

Robert Barron, KA5WSS – Webmeister

“Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.”—S. Marler

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

Breakfast Nets are held every Tuesday and Saturday morning at 7:30 AM on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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—OR—

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**2021 ACS
NET CONTROL ASSIGNMENTS**

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY		
AUGUST	BILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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	Name	Call
JANUARY	ROBERT	KA5WSS
FEBRUARY	DARREL	WD6BOR
MARCH	MOE	KI6JNU
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	ED	W1EJ
AUGUST	CARL	N6TTV
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP 2021

Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen:

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**.